

## **Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Scholarships**

**Applications available at <http://txgifted.org/tagt-summer-scholarships>**

### **TAGT Summer Scholarships**

**These scholarships are designed for identified gifted students who are currently participating in a gifted program,** and who want to attend academic, fine arts, or leadership programs during the summer months. The scholarship awards have a maximum of \$400 and are available for students, K-12. The highest-scoring elementary student and secondary student applicants are chosen as Carole Vermillion and Ann Shaw Scholars and receive \$500 each. Scholarship winners must complete and return the necessary paperwork by June 15 or the award will be forfeited. Please note that for accounting purposes scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner.

### **Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship – Application deadline is March 10 online, March 7 postmark by paper**

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. The winner of this annual award must demonstrate outstanding leadership.

### **Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship – Application deadline is March 10 online, March 7 postmark by paper**

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Future Vision Scholarship, a university scholarship of \$2,500. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving these goals.

### **TAGT/SMI Scholarship – Application deadline is March 7 postmark – application by paper only**

The Summer Math Institute (SMI) is a 3-week residential program with an intense focus on mathematics. It is sponsored by the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas. If you receive this scholarship, you have the chance to live on a college campus and meet other gifted students who share your passion for mathematics. Thanks to the generosity of SMI, TAGT may offer more than one full scholarships to the SMI program, valued at \$2,200.

### **General Application Instructions**

Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing the application.

***Please note that applying for a scholarship through TAGT does not constitute application to a specific program; you must make application to the summer program of your choice directly; TAGT does not run a summer program.*** TAGT awards and scholarships are contingent upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner for accounting purposes.

- **Student applicants in public schools must be currently identified as gifted and participating in a gifted program.** The application must include the name and e-mail address of a campus GT specialist, GT teacher, counselor, or district GT coordinator who can verify the student's identification status. Students in private schools or home-schools may be eligible to apply. Those parents should contact the TAGT Associate Director for additional information.
- **A current TAGT member may be included as a sponsor.** This will give the application bonus points. You will need the name and email address of the member to include in the application with their permission. Parents or other family members may join TAGT to sponsor their children.
- Applicants must adhere to the space limitations within the application. You may want to type up your response in a word processing software then cut and paste it into the application.
- Submit only the required number of recommendations through the online system. Any additional letters of recommendation will be ignored. (1 recommendation required for summer scholarship, 2 recommendations required for the college scholarships, 1 math teacher recommendation for TAGT/SMI)
- The best written responses discuss the strengths of the applicant and give detailed examples. They are specific to the individual and help the evaluators understand the personality of the applicant.
- No more than one summer scholarship is awarded to an individual within a three-year period.
- The maximum amount for a summer scholarship award is \$400.

## **TAGT Summer Scholarship Application Information**

1. Go to <https://txgifted.starsscholarshipsonline.com/STARS/default.aspx> for the application. Click on “View All Scholarships” to see an overview of each scholarship and their requirements.
2. Click “Sign Up”
3. Personal Information Tab:  
Enter the required personal information. This is also the webpage where you’ll need to enter the name and email address of a school official to confirm the student’s GT identification.
4. Opening Questionnaire Tab:  
Confirm you are in K-12 and whether you are a senior.
5. Academic Information Tab:  
Enter the information requested, reading carefully. You will need the name of the summer program for which you intend the scholarship funds to pay. You will need the website, phone number, and cost of the program. This is also where you’ll enter the name, email address and member number of the TAGT sponsor, if you have one. Your parents can join TAGT in order to be the sponsor. This is not required but provides a bonus point.
6. Attach Document Tab:  
The Summer Scholarship application does not require anything on this page. Just “Save and Continue.” The college scholarships require a resume to be uploaded. The resume should include activities, awards, accomplishments, and public service experiences during high school.
7. Letter of Recommendation Tab:  
You will need the name and email address of the adult outside of your family who will write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Be sure to personalize the email the system is sending. The person you ask to write the recommendation should watch for an email from [tweinberg@txgifted.org](mailto:tweinberg@txgifted.org). The email will include a link to the website where they will enter their letter of recommendation and a password to link the recommendation to your file.
8. Recommended Scholarships Tab:  
Click on “Apply Now” beside the summer scholarship or college scholarship of your choice. This will open the window for the student and parent/guardian essays.
  - Student Question 1: What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Evaluation Committee to know about you?
  - Student Question 2: Why do you want to attend this summer program?
  - Parent/Guardian Question 3: What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Evaluation Committee to know about your child?
  - Parent/Guardian Question 4: Do you have any financial circumstances about which the TAGT Scholarship Evaluation Committee should be aware? (If none, just indicate “n/a”. This is not required but a bonus may be awarded.)Click “Apply Now” when you are finished.

If you have questions, review the Frequently Asked Questions page here: <http://txgifted.org/scholarship-faq/>.